(c) to what extent the consumers are likely to get better telephone services in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR. GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(h) ano (c.) Impiovement in telephone services has been achieved by introduction of electronic exchanges in the network push button telephones, PCM junctions, use of jelly filled cables and ducting in external .plant, compiteiisation of several services and special attention-to customer interface.

PCO in village Panchayats

49. SHRI SHANT1 TYAGI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONSbe -pleased to .state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has recently declared that a PCO would be provided to .every village Panchayat jn the country ; and

•(b) if so, by when this target i s likely to be achieved by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The proposal is to provide these PCOs progressively, subject to availability of resouices.

,CGHS in ASSAM

50. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be .pleased to
state :

(A) -.whether the Central Gpvera-.ment Health Scheme has net .been implemented at any place in Assam ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY .WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. A basic concentration of 7500 or more of Central Government employees is required for extension of CGHS factlicies to a new city. As no city in Assam fulfils the eriterian, CGHS facilities have not been extended to .any city in Assam.

indifference of doctors in Safdarjung Hospital tpwards an accident victim

51. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attentiop has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in 'Indian Express' dated -the -28th May, 1989 under the caption 'Are They Doctors (or Brutes'regarding the callpusness and indifferent attitude ,of the doc tors pf the Safdarjung hospital. when a patient with serious head injuries suffered in a car accident,who hap pened to be a senior staff nurse of the same ,hospital, was -brought to the hospital; and

(b) if so, what action ,has been taken by Government in the.matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ope Mrs. G. K. Pillai was admitted in Safdarjung hospital on 6-5:1989 with multiple head injury-She was given all necessary treatment possible before 'she left "the hospital against medical advice' on 7-5-1989. There was no callousness